	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2	
Possible	Starting Nursery,	Harvest time, Bonfire	Lunar New Year,	Gardening, nature,	Eid, Start of	Weather, picnic	
Celebrations &	school uniform,	Night, Christmas,	visitors in school	Spring walk,	Ramadan.	outside (with	
Experiences to	Autumn trail,	Nativity, Diwali,	People who help us	scavenger hunt,	Planting seeds,	families),	
prompt	Weather, Birthdays,	Nursery Rhyme	Winter Walk	Mother's Day, Easter	New animals/farm	Minibeasts	
discussions	Favourite songs,	week.		egg hunt.	visit		
	Halloween						
The Reception	Listening, Attention and Understanding • Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions						
expectations in	when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions. • Make comments about what they have heard and ask						
C&L for	questions to clarify their understanding. • Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.						
reference.	Speaking • Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary. •						
Where are	Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems						
children going?	when appropriate. • Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future						
	tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.						



Communication and Language is developed throughout the year through;

- High quality interactions ShREC Approach
- Daily group and individual conversations within the provision areas
- Learning new vocabulary and its meaning during adult and child-led learning
- Adults teach new vocabulary and how to use it in a range of contexts.
- Children encouraged to use new vocabulary in discussions with teachers and peers.
- Exposure to new rhymes, poems and songs to learn
- Early Talk Boost Groups

Vocabulary	Listen, looking ,reading, wait, turn, story, carpet time, join in, question, song, rhyme, instruction, patient, safe, my turn, your turn, poem, question, group, friends, sitting, chat, discuss, conversation, who, what, where, when, why, because, reply, sentence, speak, talk, him/her, prepositional language						
Listening skills Intent	Beginning to listen to stories and nursery rhymes. Beginning to listen to instructions given. Listens during adult guided activities.	Listens to simple stories. Listens to other people speaking to them.	Listens to others speaking and continues the conversation following on from what has been said.	Enjoying listening to longer stories. Pays more attention to what is happening in the stories being read.	Listens more carefully. Knows why we should listen.	Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments, or actions.	
Implementation	Carpet time, sound/listening games, daily and weekly songs, rhymes, music and stories shared. Instruments and sound activities within provision.	Carpet time with verbal and visual reminders for listen to others, daily and weekly songs, rhymes, music and stories shared, Adults modelling listening to others speaking.	Carpet time with verbal and visual reminders to listen to others, daily and weekly songs, rhymes, music and stories shared, Adults modelling listening to others speaking and 'serve and return' conversations	Daily story time and discussions around the stories read – what has happened, what might happen, what is happening in the story or event.  Ongoing conversations within provision areas.	Carpet time, group work, encouraging children to listen and explaining how to keep safe and why we should listen at different times.	Carpet time, group work, assembly time, asking children questions and modelling questions.	
Attention skills	Focusing on an	Focusing more	Paying attention	Focusing more	Knows that they	Maintain attention	
Intent	activity of my own choice for a short period of time. Beginning to show	attention on stories being told to them. Give attention to others who are speaking to me.	when listening to longer stories. Switches attention between listening to	attention on a chosen activity. Sits and listens during quieter or adult led	sometimes have to wait their turn when speaking.	in whole class and small group contexts for a short time.  May find it difficult to pay attention to	

Implementation	attention to the adults in my setting. A range of activities for the children to choose from, adults conversing with children.	Daily story time and text sharing time. Adults modelling turn taking, adults supporting children to converse.	others and completing a task. Carpet time, daily story time, adults modelling completing tasks and conversing and listening and supporting children to do this.	activities when appropriate.  Carpet time, assembly time, group work, playing in provision, visual and verbal reminders to sit and listen.	Adults reminding children to take turns and supporting them to do this. Group activities set up for children to access.	more than one thing     at a time.     Carpet time,     assembly time,     visual and verbal     reminders to sit and     listen.
Responding skills	Points to objects	Responds to adults	Answering 'who,	I am responding	Responds to simple	Engage in story
	upon request.	and children that	what, where'	during	questions.	times. Join in with
Intent	Beginning to join in	are trying to	questions. Follow a	conversations and		repeated refrains
	with adult guided	converse with them.	three key word	reasoning using the		and anticipate key
	activities with		sentence or	word 'because'.		events and phases in
	support from an adult. Follows one		instruction. Talks			stories or rhymes.
	key word		and responds to other children			Respond appropriately when
	instructions.		during play.			asked e.g. 'smart
	mstructions.		during play.			sitting on the
Implementation	Story time,	Discussions with	Discussions with	Children conversing	Children conversing	carpet'.
implementation	discussions with	adults in nursery,	adults in nursery,	during group work	during group work	Story time, Carpet
	adults in nursery,	modelling	adults given children	and play times –	and play times –	time, asking children
	simple instructions,	conversations and	instructions with	adults to model and	adults to model and	to join in with
	modelling	narrating actions	increasing	support. Children	support. Children	stories, rhymes and
	responses, visual		complexity.	being asked the	being asked the	making predictions
	cues given.			reason things and	reason things and	about texts, verbal
	Questions at snack			encouraged to use	encouraged to use	and pictorial
	time "Would you like			the word 'because'.	the word 'because'.	reminders for sitting
	or?"					and listening.

Understanding	Recognises and	Shows an	Recalling what	Beginning to	Understanding	Follow 1 step
skills	points to objects	understanding of	happens in a story I	understand one	prepositional	instructions
	that are spoken to	text being read to	have read.	step instructions	language e.g. 'on',	Understand 'why'
Intent	me. Understands 1 key word instructions e.g. stop, drink.	them using the pictures. Understands simple concepts such as 'big/small'.	Understanding a three key word sentence.	and questions.	'under'. Asking why things are happening.	questions.
Implementation	Asking and encouraging children to answer questions either verbally or physically, giving children simple clear instructions, conversations with children.	Reading texts with examples to prompt discussion, working in provision with a range of loose parts and objects. Narrate what can be seen in the illustration of stories. Wondering aloud as we read.	Modelling conversations with children and staff, giving children opportunities to talk about stories that have been read and shared together.	Modelling asking and answering questions, asking children questions in a variety of situations. Using familiar routines (for example, put on your coat). Using visual supports when needed.	Modelling the use of prepositional language, activities based around prepositional language, encouraging children to ask questions and answering the questions children have. Scavenger hunts and games.	Asking and encouraging children to answer why questions, using visual to support responses. Giving children simple clear instructions with visual prompts
Speaking skills	Links words together	Using words to	Answering 'who,	I can recite or retell	Using a wider range	Use simple
Intent	when speaking. Developing more speech sounds and pronunciation of sounds. I can use words to begin to communicate my needs.	communicate what I want and make myself understood. Asking 'what' questions. Using the terms 'me, him, her'.	what, where' questions. I can a recite Nursery Rhyme from memory. I am beginning to speak simple sentences. I am beginning to link sentences with 'and'.	a past event in my life to someone else. Asking 'where' and 'who' questions.	of vocabulary in my play. Singing some songs independently.	sentences. Sing a large repertoire of songs e.g. nursery rhymes or numbers songs. Use talk to organise themselves and their play.

Implementation	Giving children lots of opportunities to talk during carpet time, group tasks, playing, and general discussions, Observations of children, Daily and weekly songs and rhymes built up across the year, children playing in provision every day, encourage more reluctant children to talk.	Adults modelling conversations and supporting children to converse. Giving children lots of opportunities to talk during carpet time, group tasks, playing, and general discussions, Observations of children, Daily and weekly songs and rhymes built up across the year, modelling the use of	Giving children lots of opportunities to talk during carpet time, group tasks, playing, and general discussions, asking children questions and modelling and supporting children to ask questions and answering them.  Daily rhymes.	Adults modelling and supporting children to recount their weekends or special events in their life, adults asking children where and who questions and supporting children to ask these questions too.	Adults planning in topic specific vocabulary across the year, children learning a range of songs.	Giving children lots of opportunities to talk during carpet time, group tasks, playing, and general discussions, Observations of children, Daily and weekly songs and rhymes built up across the year, children playing in provision every day.
	reluctant children to	across the year,				